

In the Specification:

Page 1, paragraph 0001:

This application is a Continuation-In-Part of pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/419,705, filed April 19, 2003, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/457,528, filed March 24, 2003, and which is a Continuation-In-Part of ~~pending~~ U.S. Patent Application No. 09/880,725, filed June 12, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,653,607, issued November 25, 2003, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/212,380, filed June 14, 2000. Each of the above-identified patent applications is incorporated herein in its entirety by reference.

Pages 3-4, paragraph 0010:

Various products exist for monitoring patient egress from hospital beds. U.S. Patent Nos. 6,307,168; 6,297,738; 6,025,782; and 5,623,760 to Paul Newham may disclose various aspects of such products. One such product includes a sensor coupled to a mattress that transmits a signal to a nurse's station when a patient moves off of the mattress and exits his or her bed. The mattress encloses a polyester fabric that supports two bands of conductive strands. The conductive strands can include silver plated nylon strands, such as those provided by Noble Fiber Technologies of 421 South State Street, Clarks Summit, PA 18411, that are woven into the fabric in a linear array. The two bands of conductive ~~bands~~ strands are electrically coupled to the sensor. When a person moves off of the mattress, the sensor detects a change in the capacitance between the bands and a signal is sent to the nurse's station indicating that the patient has exited the bed.